

friends are so well satisfied with themselves that they scarcely have made a profession of their faith when they begin to instruct pastors, deacons, and the rank and file of the churches as to how the kingdom of Christ ought to have been run from the beginning of the world until now. These puerile rhapsodies are usually received urbanely by the other friends, as they have no desire to encourage youth, and know full well that in a little while the young eagle will come to realize the limitations both of wing and sight, and will find that he cannot maintain his own religious life without the co-operation of those who are already citizens of Christ's kingdom.

BRETHREN CHURCH AT PRESTON.

NINA B. LICHTY.

As I am requested to write about our organization, I will write a little history with it. Preston is a small town on the B. & M. R. R., with a population of one hundred and fifty, and until last winter has had no preaching by the Brethren. By request of the family of brother J. D. Wicks, brother McFaden came and held several week's meeting, the result being thirty-six baptized and one reclaimed. After McFaden closed, Brother Keller preached here nine days, preaching doctrinal sermons. Brother McFaden being pastor of the Bethany congregation eight miles from here, the Preston members were taken in at Bethany, but had regular preaching services at Preston by Brother McFaden in the town school-house, but had their communion services and business meetings at Bethany.

In the terrible cyclone in May through here, the church building at Bethany was torn to pieces, and not knowing where they would build a new one, the members at Preston met and decided to organize a church here. On the evening of August 8, they organized with the following officers:

M. Lichty, elder; J. D. Wicks and G. Hoppe, deacons; Wm. Meyers, treasurer; L. D. McCumber, solicitor and collector; N. Lichty, clerk; C. Maddox, janitor.

We have a K. C. Society with a membership of sixty-eight, which meets every Sunday evening with good attendance. We also have a Union S. S. which is well attended. We use the Brethren Literature. Brother McFaden is engaged as our pastor until the end of the year.

The Methodists have preaching in the same school-house we do, and great credit is due them as well as members of other churches in helping along in S. S. and K. C.

There is one nice church in town, own-

ed by the German Evangelical, who hold their preaching, prayer-meeting, and S. S. services regular, and are a very devoted people.

Wishing the prayers of God's people that the Preston church may grow and be strong.

King's Children.

GO FORWARD.

C. F. YODER.

"Ye have compassed this mountain long enough. Speak to the children of Israel that they go forward."

There is a tendency in everything to repeat. The successive seasons chase each other as the night the day. Plants and animals, men and nations have their youth and manhood and, grow old and die and others rise to take their places. In every business or social movement there are periods of revival and periods of depression.

So in religion. Action is followed by reaction. The church and young peoples' societies are composed of human beings and we cannot but expect to experience both ups and downs and the work in spite of everything, will more or less "observe times and seasons." What church as a whole is as active in the summer as in the winter? Because summer inactivity is a natural weakness, is it therefore excusable? God forbid. "The law of the spirit of life hath made me free from the law of sin and death." Therefore, I am able to overcome this weakness and I sin if I do not, because *it is my duty to live up to my possibilities.*

This tendency to swing from the revival spirit to indifference is an evil one. It is the old, old warfare of "flesh against spirit" which leads the crowd into the broad and easy because downward, road to destruction, making them content with present pleasures rather than to climb the narrow road of self-denial to spiritual life.

The periodic Christian is weak and the periodic church or society is weak.

I received a circular some time ago saying "Pastors attend this summer school while home duties are not pressing," and I thought, "Pastoral duties, in my experience are more pressing at this season than any other."

I do not believe in giving Satan possession of all because he is about to get the half anyhow.

But now the autumn is here. Soon the outdoor work will be over and the revival fires will be kindled throughout the land and it is a good time to take a retrospective view and see how far we are ahead of

the point the revival of last winter left us. Have we been compassing the mountain this summer only to find ourselves at revival time at the same point we started from last winter?

Are we doing only such work as thrusts itself upon us and that in a formal, indifferent way without putting our thought and best energy and very life into the Master's work?

"Ye have compassed this mountain long enough." Get out of this formal rut, this humdrum way of merely repeating some Bible verse that has already been repeated many times as your part in meeting. Get out of this way of doing just as little as possible, leaving all the burden to others. Somebody must "run things." Plan some aggressive work yourself, and carry it out. Don't sing so slowly. Sing as if you meant it. "True hearted, whole hearted, watch word." "Turn you northward." The sultry, summer heat has been oppressive. Face the invigorating blast. There is no progress in following a circle. Devise some new plan. Branch out. Form new committees, conduct the meeting some new way. Take up some new work and support some new cause. The hour is come for a forward move. The Sunday-schools in different states have established a "rally day." Let all our societies have a rally day. Get the pastor to preach a sermon on young people's work. Have a conference of the workers.

Organize for personal work in winning souls. Use tracts. Use Silent Evangelism cards. Go out into the side streets and borders, and constrain them to come in.

O young people, the hour is come to look up and out and see the harvest and heed the call. The whole world is passing through a crisis. Old institutions are breaking up. All things are becoming new. A spiritual awakening is sweeping round the globe. Have you felt it? "The Evangelization of the world in this generation" is whispered by every breeze. Have you heard it? Have you caught the spirit of it? Are you helping on His kingdom and watching for His coming?

"Ye have compassed this mountain long enough." "Turn ye" out of the wilderness on to the land of conquest. "Speak to the children of Israel that they go forward."

For the Christ and for His kingdom,
For God's truth and man's salvation,
For love's glorious dominion
Our youth are marching on.

Even evil is made contributory to good, in overcoming the world by the lesson it teaches.—Neel.